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### STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$37.2 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

An additional \$37.2 million in Federal aid funds have been apportioned to the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands for fish and wildlife restoration programs, Interior Secretary William Clark announced today. This brings to \$119.8 million the amount available to the States by the Federal Government in the 1984 fiscal year.

The money will be used by the States to finance sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter education under programs popularly known as the "Dingell-Johnson" and "Pittman-Robertson" programs. Of the total funds available, \$73 million are for wildlife restoration, \$15.4 million are for hunter education, and \$31.4 million are for sport fish restoration.

Federal aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. For this fiscal year, a preliminary apportionment of \$82.6 million was made on October 21, 1983.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on handguns, and an 11 percent tax on archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the land area of each State. The funds may be used for such activities as acquisition and development of wildlife habitat and research for improvement of wildlife management practices.

Hunter education funds, distributed according to the relative population of each State, may be used by the State wildlife agencies for conducting hunter education programs which include the construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial lures, baits, and flies. Distribution of funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the land area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. The funds are used by the State agencies for such activities as purchasing land and water areas for development of access sites and fishing facilities and conducting research in fishery management.

The attached tables show the total fiscal year 1984 distribution of funds by State.

"Dingell-Johnson"

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1984

Alabama	\$ 524,235
Alaska	1,569,000
Arizona	680,662
Arkansas	544,328
California	1,569,000
Colorado	793,055
Connecticut	313,800
Delaware	313,800
Florida	619,429
Georgia	583,498
Hawaii	313,800
Idaho	528,469
Illinois	719,217
Indiana	527,413
Iowa	477,896
Kansas	478,943
Kentucky	510,387
Louisiana	474,978
Maine	313,800
Maryland	313,800
Massachusetts	313,800
Michigan	1,134,497
Minnesota	1,271,901
Mississippi	401,702
Missouri	788,493
Montana	716,120
Nebraska	408,643
Nevada	488,339
New Hampshire	313,800
New Jersey	313,800
New Mexico	570,191
New York	756,058
North Carolina	469,511
North Dakota	350,926
Ohio	813,570
Oklahoma	611,698
Oregon	742,059
Pennsylvania	793,133
Rhode Island	313,800
South Carolina	356,206
South Dakota	384,331
Tennessee	572,765
Texas	1,569,000
Utah	546,514
Vermont	313,800
Virginia	487,592
Washington	761,050
West Virginia	313,800
Wisconsin	1,101,470
Wyoming	499,721
American Samoa	104,600
Guam	104,600
N. Mariana Islands	104,600
Puerto Rico	313,800
Virgin Islands	104,600
Total	\$ 31,380,000

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1984

	<u>Wildlife Restoration</u>	<u>Hunter Safety</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,213,303	\$ 374,099	\$ 1,587,402
Alaska	3,650,000	154,500	3,804,500
Arizona	1,694,167	261,372	1,955,539
Arkansas	1,325,815	219,793	1,545,608
California	2,931,608	463,500	3,395,108
Colorado	1,918,111	277,813	2,195,924
Connecticut	365,000	298,849	663,849
Delaware	365,000	154,500	519,500
Florida	1,212,294	463,500	1,675,794
Georgia	1,433,537	463,500	1,897,037
Hawaii	365,000	154,500	519,500
Idaho	1,472,712	154,500	1,627,212
Illinois	1,368,858	463,500	1,832,358
Indiana	1,148,452	463,500	1,611,952
Iowa	1,271,738	280,174	1,551,912
Kansas	1,444,421	227,265	1,671,686
Kentucky	1,111,579	352,112	1,463,691
Louisiana	1,382,557	404,287	1,786,844
Maine	859,736	154,500	1,014,236
Maryland	475,830	405,487	881,317
Massachusetts	365,000	463,500	828,500
Michigan	3,027,827	463,500	3,491,327
Minnesota	2,080,157	392,091	2,472,248
Mississippi	1,141,335	242,404	1,383,739
Missouri	1,773,629	463,500	2,237,129
Montana	2,149,786	154,500	2,304,286
Nebraska	1,273,041	154,500	1,427,541
Nevada	1,424,887	154,500	1,579,387
New Hampshire	365,000	154,500	519,500
New Jersey	367,187	463,500	830,687
New Mexico	1,713,657	154,500	1,868,157
New York	2,178,073	463,500	2,641,573
North Carolina	1,298,765	463,500	1,762,265
North Dakota	1,007,355	154,500	1,161,855
Ohio	1,448,076	463,500	1,911,576
Oklahoma	1,402,483	290,934	1,693,417
Oregon	1,947,840	253,178	2,201,018
Pennsylvania	3,212,294	463,500	3,675,794
Rhode Island	365,000	154,500	519,500
South Carolina	775,894	299,968	1,075,862
South Dakota	1,232,465	154,500	1,386,965
Tennessee	1,662,470	441,483	2,103,953
Texas	3,650,000	463,500	4,113,500
Utah	1,481,801	154,500	1,636,301
Vermont	395,450	154,500	549,950
Virginia	1,394,357	463,500	1,857,857
Washington	1,479,414	397,189	1,876,603
West Virginia	957,170	154,500	1,111,670
Wisconsin	2,195,961	452,502	2,648,463
Wyoming	1,493,910	154,500	1,648,410
Guam	121,666	---	121,666
N. Mariana Islands	121,666	---	121,666
Puerto Rico	365,000	---	365,000
Virgin Islands	121,666	---	121,666
Total	\$73,000,000	\$15,450,000	\$88,450,000